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SUBJECT: SCIENCE ITEMS AT THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO: COMMUNICATION I

1. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF COMMENTS, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ON SCIENCE ITEMS LISTED IN DOCUMENTS 20 C/1, 20 C/2, AND 20 C/INF. 3:

2. ITEM 9 OF 20 C/1: DRAFT ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1977-1982. THESE DRAFT ADJUSTMENTS ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY IN THE EDUCATION COMPONENT, AND NO INPUT FROM THE SCIENCE END WOULD SEEM NECESSARY.

2. ITEMS 10 AND 12 OF 20 C/1: PRESUMABLY, THERE WILL BE AN OVERALL STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE US DELEGATE THAT WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS ON THE SCIENCE PROGRAM IN 20 C/5. ITEM 13.4 OF DOCUMENT 20 C/2 SUGGESTS THAT THIS BE LIMITED IN THE SCIENCE AREA TO COMMENTS ON UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNCSTD (DOCUMENT 20 C/107). THERE IS A WHOLE SERIES OF SCIENCE-RELATED DOCUMENTS BEING INTRODUCED BY THE DG IN ADVANCE OF THE GENERAL POLICY DEBATE:
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20 C/74 THROUGH 20 C/82, PLUS 20 C/89, 20 C/107, AND 20 C/112.

3. ITEM 34 OF 20 C/1 (S&T STATISTICS, DOCUMENT 20 C/32): PERMDEL HAS COMMUNICATED THE US PROPOSAL TO PERMDELS OF MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA, BUT HAS HAD NO RESPONSE YET. DOES DR.

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FALK HAVE BREAKDOWN OF VOTES AT STATISTICS MEETING? DOES DEPARTMENT PLAN TO PREPARE FORMAL DRAFT RESOLUTION OR SHOULD PERMDEL DO SO? DOCUMENT 20 C/32 AND ANNEX (RECORD OF MEETING) HAVE JUST COME OFF THE PRESS AND ARE BEING POUCHED TO LI AND FALK.

4. ITEMS 41, 41.1, 41.2, AND 41.3, AND 57.3, 57.4, AND 57.6 OF 20 C/1: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ITEM (DOCUMENT C/38), AT WHICH PERMDEL FOUND VIRTUALLY NO SUPPORT IN OPPOSING THE "EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION" CONCEPT. IT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT THIS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WILL BE INSTITUTED ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS. THUS, A RANKING OF PRIORITIES FOR US MEMBERSHIPS WOULD BE HIGHLY VALUABLE. PERMDEL IS PLANNING TO ISSUE SHORTLY A CIRCULAR TO ALL PERMDELS INDICATING OUR INTEREST IN BEING ELECTED OR REELECTED TO THE COUNCILS.

5. ITEM 43 OF 20 C/1: THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE IOC MUST BE CONSIDERED A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. IN VIEW OF THE PRESUMABLY LARGE MAJORITY THAT WILL BE VOTING FOR EXPULSION, DEPARTMENT MUST CONSIDER WHAT, IF ANY, STATEMENT THE US DELEGATE SHOULD MAKE.

6. NOTE (IN ANNEX I OF 20 C/2) THE DIVERSITY OF SUBJECTS DEALT WITH IN EACH PRG COMMISSION AS WELL AS
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THE CONSIDERABLE OVERLAP AMONG OBJECTIVES ON THE AGENDA. PERMDEL HOPES THAT US WILL BE CONCERNED WITH MAJOR POLICY ISSUES FOR THE SCIENCE SECTOR AND REFRAIN FROM INTRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF LIMITED SCOPE AND IMPORTANCE. TO PERMDEL'S KNOWLEDGE, THE US DELEGATION MAY INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS: ONE ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF PROGRAMS (PERMDEL WILL CABLE PROPOSED DR TO DEPARTMENT SHORTLY), ONE ON S&T STATISTICS, AND ONE TO REINTRODUCE EVALUATION INTO THE GENERAL RESOLUTION ON NATURAL SCIENCES. QUESTION: WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT CHANGES TO RESOLUTIONS IN PARAS 2243 AND 2392 IN 20 C/5? DO WE TAKE ANY LEAD RE PARA 2399 IN 20 C/5?

7. PERMDEL SUGGESTS SCIENCE DELEGATE LIMIT HIS OPENING STATEMENT IN PROGRAM COMMISSION TO HALF HOUR MAXIMUM. IS THIS STATEMENT IN PROCESS AND, IF SO, WILL PERMDEL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT? TORRES

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